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SUBJECT: AL MAHDI DISCUSSES SUDAN POLITICAL DYNAMICS

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Classified By: Minister Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Donald A. Blome for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) Key Points: -- Former Sudanese PM Al Sadiq Al Mahdi told Polmincons on November 2 that the new U.S. policy on Sudan (reftel) indicates an
- 2.(C) Al Sadiq Al Mahdi told Polmincons November 2 that the new U.S. policy on Sudan "struck the right note" by advocating pressure on the NCP
- 3.(C) Al Mahdi said the September 26-30 Juba Conference was held to develop a "national consensus" aimed at resolving internal conflicts and pr
- 4.(C) Al Mahdi said the April 2010 elections represent an opportunity for change, but U.S. support is needed to ensure "the neutrality of state
- 5.(C) Al Mahdi said the AUPSC/Mbeki recommendations represent "the first proposal for peace based on proper diagnosis of the problems in Sudan.
- 6.(C) Al Mahdi said the CPA has not succeeded because it is not "comprehensive." He maintained that the CPA encourages secession because it put
- 7.(C) Responding to our query about GOSS President Salva Kiir's recent statement encouraging South Sudanese to choose independence, Al Mahdi pu
- 8.(C) Al Mahdi said a more active Egyptian and Saudi approach to resolving the problems in Sudan could pressure the NCP to join the "national c